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In re application of
Krause et al.

Serial No. 09/545,685

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COMPUTER-AIDED BONE
DISTRACTION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

February 21, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 11-30.

Please add the following new claims:

31. A method of creating a 3D (three-dimensional) model of a bone, comprising:
extracting a bone contour from a plurality of 2D (two-dimensional) X-ray images;
identifying the bone contour on a 3D template bone model;